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Open University of Cyprus offers undergraduate and postgraduate (Master & PhD) programmes based on distance education methodology, supported by the very latest technology applications and a variety of eLearning tools, aiming to offer knowledge and skills of high academic standards, and provide every student with a first-class, inspiring learning experience.

Open University of Cyprus (OUC) is a **public Higher Education Institution**, operating under the effective control of the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Cyprus. Established in 2002, OUC is the country's only University **devoted entirely to open and distance education and lifelong learning**. OUC offers **interdisciplinary, career-oriented and accredited Bachelor's, Master's and PhD degree programmes** in both "classical" and "cutting-edge" scientific areas.

OUC's philosophy is simple: there is no "one size fits all" approach to higher education. Open University of Cyprus places students at the heart of education, and embraces innovative approaches in a motivating learning environment, to develop their skills, nurture their interests and expand their horizons, whilst upholding high academic standards. Thanks to the high quality programmes offered by its **three Faculties - Humanities and Social Sciences, Pure and Applied Sciences, Economics and Management** - OUC **a)** provides cutting-edge knowledge and employment-ready skills of high calibre, **b)** stimulates personalised, active learning, supported by quality teaching from highly experienced and trained academic staff using multi-format methods and supporting material, and **c)** leads students to become specialists in their chosen field, regardless of their age, time availability, residence or life circumstances, and fulfil their personal or professional aspirations.

OUC has no borders. More than 62% of its student community is located outside Cyprus. Moreover, OUC fosters strong and mutually beneficial partnerships with Universities and research centers both in Cyprus and abroad, aiming to achieve long-term cooperation in educational and research programmes, joint and/or double degrees, and to promote the mobility of its students and staff. Through the excellent work of researchers and staff who are at the forefront in their fields, Open University of Cyprus is reinforcing its position as a quality research institution, with awarded European and local research projects, national and international research teams and steadily increasing external research funding.

Through its distance learning academic programmes, lifelong learning opportunities, extensive research, international reach and collaborations, as well as social activities, Open University of Cyprus is a modern and vibrant learning community enabling students to advance or change their professional or personal direction.

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Key facts about OUC

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Our Vision

Open University of Cyprus is committed to opening up education to all, and strives for an outstanding, challenging, and transformative teaching and learning experience of high academic standards and unrivalled links with the business world and society.

Our Mission

Open University of Cyprus aspires to provide students with lifelong learning opportunities and higher education degrees useful to start or advance their professional careers and fulfil their personal aspirations and goals. The University aims to combine its international reach and flexible operations and structure, using both to support the State's vision to establish Cyprus as a regional centre for education, scientific research and innovation, a hub for international scholars and students alike. Towards this direction, OUC expands its network of collaborators and establishes strong partnerships with Universities and research institutions in the broader region and beyond, promoting educational and research cooperation and mobility of students and staff.

Vision & Mission

- A public European University,

- providing open access to higher education and lifelong learning,

- offering high quality, interdisciplinary, carrier-oriented, accredited programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate (Master's and PhD) levels,

- pioneer in combining effective use of technology, academic support and distance teaching and learning methods, all of which enable individualised study, placing students at the heart of educational processes,

- with research programmes and transfer of knowledge within and across disciplines,

- a "global" University with strong international links and cooperation with Universities, research centres and networks worldwide,

- promoting social responsibility, corporate ethics and efficiency,

- organising programmes tailored to the needs of society and the economy.

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Why students choose OUC

- For the opportunity to study whenever and wherever they wish in a European public University, which is devoted to open and distance education.

- For its affordable, high quality Bachelor's, Master's and PhD programmes, which meet the needs of the business world, upskill graduates and enable students to fulfil their personal and professional aspirations.

- For its flexibility, which allows students to adjust their study programme to fit in with job, family and any other commitments.

- For its modern educational methodology, its integrated and user-friendly eLearning Platform supporting real-time and asynchronous tutor-students interaction, combined with the multi-format educational material used, all of which allow a seamless learning experience.

- For the academic support provided by experienced and influential staff (faculty and adjunct tutors, all of whom are PhD holders), making effective use of OUC's synchronous and asynchronous communication tools, online and face - to - face lectures and tutorials.

- For the opportunity to interact with fellow students, peers and academics located anywhere in the world through University forums and the social community.

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Open University of Cyprus is a **dedicated open and distance learning University**. Its educational technology, in combination with modern teaching and learning methods supported by multi-format educational materials, **respond to the diverse needs of its students, allowing them to study wherever and whenever they wish, using any digital platform**.

Accordingly, OUC's distance education and blended learning methodology differs from conventional classroom-based education, mainly because it allows students to complete their studies and obtain their degree, **breaking down the rigid barriers of traditional education**, without physically attending scheduled lectures, and – in case students are already employed – without disrupting work routines or leaving their workplace.

Educational Methodology and Organisation of Studies

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eLearning Platform and academic support

The University's main educational tool is the **eLearning Platform – eClass –** that facilitates online teaching and learning through the establishment of **virtual classrooms**, supports lecture capture, **live and video on demand lectures and tutorials**, and integrates **real-time and asynchronous collaboration tools**. Concisely, OUC's eLearning Platform is a comprehensive and constantly evolving eLearning system backing the educational process across all its phases.

Students use eClass to:

• access their course materials,

• organise their study calendars,

• communicate with their tutors and fellow students,

• submit their formative assignments and coursework, and

• receive feedback on their progress.

Self-assessment exercises allow students to test their understanding and progress and seek additional academic support. In a true collaborative environment, the eLearning platform also supports live interaction and direct contact with academics, peers and fellow students. The synchronous collaboration (virtual classrooms, live streaming) and asynchronous (forums, instant messaging) communication tools are fully utilised by experienced and dedicated academic staff, offering **effective and interactive academic support, guidance and advice**.

Despite being "distance" in essence, learning experience at OUC is complemented by academics-students group tutorials and lectures that are scheduled throughout the academic year and, while not mandatory, they play a key supporting role in educational processes. These tutorials are mainly conducted online using eClass virtual classes, and are academically challenging and rigorous. Tutorials serve to facilitate students in addressing course material in a constructive and critical manner, and constitute an important support and feedback mechanism, which allows students to maximise their learning potential. In addition, tutorials serve as a forum for questions and answers so that students may benefit and share their learning with tutors and fellow students and fully comprehend the content of every Thematic Unit / course.

To ensure the integrity of OUC degrees and examination processes, students are required to attend in person (at examination centres in Cyprus, Greece or – under certain conditions – in third countries) the final written exams, which count towards a significant percentage of their overall grade.

Moreover, virtual labs simulating laboratories have further enhanced the University's educational capabilities in supporting and offering high quality innovative programmes in scientific areas of the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences.

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Degrees

Open University of Cyprus awards undergraduate [Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BSc)] and postgraduate degrees [(Master of Arts (MA) or Master of Science (MSc)], to students who have successfully completed and fulfilled their degree requirements. Through its collaborations with partner Universities, OUC also offers joint and/or double degrees at Master's level. Moreover, Open University of Cyprus provides an outstanding environment to undertake postgraduate research leading to a PhD.

The types of programmes offered by the University are set out in the following table:

PROGRAMME TYPE	DURATION (FT MODE)	ECTS	DEGREE
Bachelor	4 years	240	Bachelor (BA, BSc)
Master	3 – 4 academic semesters	90-120	Master (MA, MSc)
Doctorate	3 years (assuming previous relevant postgraduate studies)	180	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Admission Requirements

Open access to higher education entails minimum admission requirements. For a Bachelor's degree, a secondary education degree is the basic prerequisite. For a Master's degree, applicants must hold, at least, a Bachelor's degree from an accredited University, although some programmes may have other additional requirements (e.g. knowledge of foreign languages). PhD candidates need to hold a Master's degree from an accredited university.

ECTS credits

OUC operates on a modular degree system and degrees are obtained through the accumulation of **ECTS credits** (the "European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System"). Each Bachelor's or Master's degree offers a range of Thematic Units (i.e. modules or courses), both mandatory and elective, so that students can choose the appropriate academic route based on their interests. Thematic Units are either semester-long (10 or 15 ECTS, corresponding to 250-450 hours of student workload respectively) or year-long (24-30 ECTS, corresponding to 600-900 hours of student workload), depending on the programme of study.

Language of Instruction

The primary language of instruction at Open University of Cyprus is Greek. Some Master's degrees, are offered in the English language, for foreign students and also to Greek-speaking students targeting international qualifications.

Accreditation and Quality Assureance

All OUC programmes are of high-quality standard, ensuring that the relevant degrees enjoy international recognition. The degrees awarded by Open University of Cyprus are fully recognised by the Republic of Cyprus and all European Union countries. Open University of Cyprus has also been recognised by the Hellenic National Academic Recognition Information Center (Hellenic NARIC) as equivalent to Greek Universities.

Open University of Cyprus places emphasis on the evaluation, assessment and enhancement of the quality of teaching, research and administrative work. The University's Quality Assurance Committee aims to ensure commitment to OUC's mission and vision, that education offered to students is of the highest level and that student welfare and supporting services fulfil OUC's aspiration of excellence.

OUC's integrated quality assurance system operates at two levels: institutional level and Programme level; and supports a two-stage evaluation: internal and external evaluation.

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Library

OUC Library provides open access to knowledge and is a gateway to a comprehensive collection of books, journals and other related publications. Through the Library's electronic resources, University community members have access to international databases, e-journals, e-books, digital collections and other resources, while "Kipseli", OUC's Institutional Repository, provides access to the University's academic publications, student dissertations and thesis.

The electronic resources of the OUC Library provide access to[1]:

- **Physical collection:**
  - 22.600 book copies
  - 14.000 individual titles

- **Digital collection:**
  - 302.100 e-Books (titles)
  - 49.000 journals (via subscriptions)
  - 176 databases (via subscriptions) (168 Full Text)
  - 2.900.000 Thesis from American and European Universities (via subscriptions)
  - 15.750 Conference Proceedings (via subscriptions)

- **OUC Open Access Repository:**
  - Institutional Repository contains:
  - 46 PhD Thesis
  - 2.656 Master Thesis
  - 36 Bachelor Thesis

- **Digital Collections indexing:**
  - 861 Individual photos and documents

The Library's website (http://www.ouc.ac.cy/web/guest/university/department/lib) hosts 360 useful web links organised in alphabetic indexes, containing open access supportive informational and educational material.

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Since its establishment in 2002, Open University of Cyprus has experienced near-exponential growth in student numbers and academic standing. Out of approximately 4.100 students in total, enroled in the 26 programmes offered for the 2018-2019 academic year, roughly 58% are registered in Master's degree programmes, while more than 5.800 individuals have already graduated with an OUC degree.

OUC is organised around three Faculties, each of which offers undergraduate and postgraduate programmes:

- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences
- Faculty of Economics and Management

The list of programmes (and the academic concentrations, if any) offered for the 2019-2020 academic year is provided in the following tables.

Any new programmes for the 2019 - 2020 academic year will be announced on the University's website.

Faculties and Programmes of Study (2019-2020)

[1] Data as of February 1st, 2019.

	Bachelor	Master	Doctorate	ECTS credits[2]
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences				
Adult Education for Social Change[3] (offered in English)		•		120
Communications and New Journalism: • Communications • New Journalism		•	•	120
Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning		•	•	120
Cultural Policy and Development		•	•	120
Greek Language and Literature		•		120
Studies in Hellenic Culture: • Literature • History-Archeology-Art • Generic	•		•	240
Theatre Studies: • Reception of Ancient Drama • Theatre in Education • Acting and Directing		•	•	120
Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences				
Applied Health Informatics		•		120
Cognitive Systems[4] (offered in English)		•	•	120
Computer and Network Security		•	•	90
Environmental Conservation and Management: • Energy and Pollution • Terrestrial Ecosystem Management		•	•	100
Information and Communications Systems			•	
Social Information Systems: • Analysis of Social Information Systems • Design of Social Information Systems		•	•	120
Sustainable Energy Systems[5] (offered in English)		•		90
Wireless Communication Systems		•		120

	Bachelor	Master	Doctorate	ECTS credits
Faculty of Economics and Management				
Banking and Finance		•		120
Business Administration	•			240
Business Administration - MBA (offered in Greek and English)		•		120
Economics	•			240
Educational Studies: • Educational Leadership and Policy • Social Justice Education • Special Education • Continuing Education • Educational Technology and Communication		•	•	120
Enterprise Risk Management[6] (offered in English)		•		120
European Union Law: • European Competition Law • European Business Law		•	•	120
Healthcare Management		•		120
Management, Technology and Quality		•		120
Police Studies[7]	•			120

[2] For Bachelor's or Master's level, respectively.
[3] Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's degree.
[4] Offered jointly with University of Cyprus.
[5] Offered jointly with Frederick University.

[6] Offered jointly with Hellenic Open University.
[7] Offered exclusively for the Cyprus Police Academy graduates.

Academic calendar

ACADEMIC YEAR		
	START DATE	**END DATE**
Academic Year	September 1	July 31
Fall Semester	1st week of September	3rd week of December
Spring Semester	2nd week of January	End of May
FINAL EXAMINATIONS		
Fall Semester	December	
Spring Semester	May	
ISSUING OF DEGREES		
Fall Semester	February 27	
Spring Semester	July 31	
STUDENT APPLICATIONS PERIOD & ADMISSIONS		
Between February and June (normally)		
GRADUATION CEREMONY November		

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Research at Open University of Cyprus is wide-ranging and interdisciplinary, and includes both individual projects of its academic and research staff as well as collaborative efforts that involve local and international Universities, research centers and institutions. Under its internationalisation strategy, OUC develops strong and effective partnerships with foreign research teams, which provide opportunities for international collaboration and active involvement in multidisciplinary projects, covering emerging developments in various fields:

- arts, theatre, history and archeology,
- communication, journalism and social information systems,
- educational sciences, literature and linguistics, law,
- health sciences, health economics and applied statistics,
- business administration, economics, and management,
- educational technology, eLearning,
- environment, ecology and climate change,
- information and communication technologies, artificial intelligence, telecommunications.

Research activities are financed by the University's state-funded budget or receive external funding from various national, European and international organisations and programmes, such as Horizon 2020, Erasmus+, LIFE+, and Interreg. During the 2006-2018 period, OUC academics and researchers have successfully implemented 70 externally and internally funded research projects, while 18 externally funded and 5 internally funded projects are currently running [8].

Research

EU Funded high-calibre Research Projects under implementation

- **RISE** - Research Centre on Interactive media, Smart systems and Emerging technologies, funded under the Horizon 2020 - WIDESPREAD-TEAMING EU programme, was one of the three projects awarded in Cyprus in 2017.

- **CSRC -** Center for STEAM Education, Research, Science Communication and Innovation, funded under Horizon2020-Teaming, aims to establish a Science and Research Centre focusing on promoting scientific communication, teaching and learning in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics, through interactive tools.

- **BalkanROAD -** Towards farms with zero carbon-, waste- and water-footprint. Roadmap for sustainable management strategies for Balkan agriculture aiming to develop tools, policies and practices towards economic development in agriculture securing environmental protection in the Balkans. The project has secured funding under INTERREG Balkan-Mediterranean 2014-2020.

- **GYPWorld -** A global initiative to understand gypsum ecosystem ecology. An integrated global study of the ecology and evolution of plant and lichen life on gypsum, funded under the Horizon 2020 - Marie Curie Research & Innovation Staff Exchange Programme.

- **BYZART -** Byzantine Art and Archaeology Thematic collection for Europeana. The project aims to create a new thematic channel for the website Europeana about Byzantine and Post Byzantine art and archaeology, which focuses on collections of digitised photos, video and audio contents, as well as 3D surveys and reconstructions.

- **Enlivened Laboratories within STEM Education.** Motivating EU students to choose STEM studies and careers and improving their performance in courses related to STEM education, a project which has secured funding under Erasmus+.

- **In4Cohesion -** Information and Awareness for Cohesion Policy via Media, aiming to support information measures relating to EU Cohesion Policy in Cyprus (ERDF and ESF), as well as to target and promote a better understanding of the role of the Cohesion Policy in Cyprus.

- **CyCAT -** Cyprus Center for Algorithmic Transparency with the aim of establishing a network of researchers with key expertise in the areas of informatics and digital literacy, creating the Cyprus Center for Algorithmic Transparency, a distributed research center, at the Open University of Cyprus.

In addition to promoting independent research, OUC's five (5) research labs support collaborative research and engage faculty and students from across the University:

Educational Technology Lab

The OUC Laboratory for Educational Technology conducts research and publishing in the areas of open and distance learning methodologies, internet safety, mobile and adaptive learning, human-machine interaction and ICT utilisation in school education.

Telecommunication Systems Research Lab

The mission of the Telecommunication Systems Research Laboratory (TSRL) is to investigate state of the art research areas in wireless communications and support teaching activities at OUC. The researchers of TSRL have extensive research expertise in areas related to Radio Network Planning, Terrestrial and Satellite Communications, MIMO Communications, Image Processing for Telecom applications, Localisation / Positioning, UWB Communications, RF/Antenna design and large scale Telecommunication network modeling.

Computational Cognition Lab

Research carried out at the Computational Cognition Lab seeks to understand cognitive processes often associated with individual or collective intelligence - such as learning, reasoning, sensing, communication, cooperation - and how these are employed by humans and other organisms in everyday life. Emphasis is placed on the development of formal computational models for various aspects of cognitive processes and the analysis of the formal implications of these models.

Terrestrial Ecosystems Management Lab

Work in TemLab is based on traditional approaches to ecosystem management coupled with landscape ecology principles,

Research Labs

namely the importance of spatial configuration of ecological processes and the emphasis on larger spatial extents. TemLab research revolves around three pillars that intertwine: **a)** Mediterranean Ecosystems with emphasis on islands and mountains, **b)** a Landscape-based approach to conservation and **c)** Spatial Analysis for species and habitats modeling and ecosystem services.

Laboratory of Chemical Engineering and Engineering Sustainability

The Laboratory combines new scientific areas of Sustainable Development, Environmental Management and Engineering as well as Chemical Engineering. Its main research areas are the following:

- Cities Metabolism, Smart Cities, Strategic Development Plans, Sustainable Development Programmes, Cyclical Economy and Industrial Co-habitation Strategy, etc.
- Development of Strategies and field research to implement Waste Prevention practices and Development of Sustainability Indicators (Economic, Social, Environmental) and implementation of environmental management systems in various sectors, zero waste generation programmes, etc.
- Environmental Impact Studies and Environmental Analysis / Risk Assessment / Multi-criteria and Life Cycle Analysis Models.
- Development of Techniques - Technologies for the treatment of solid and liquid waste, bio-systems, hazardous waste, composting, etc.

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Academia - Industry Liaison Office

Aiming to accelerate efforts to bring academics and businesses closer together and address important international developments and issues in labour markets and skill requirements, such as technological breakthroughs, aging populations, urbanisation and rising unemployment, the OUC Academia - Industry Liaison Office's mission is to:

- promote collaboration between the private and public sector within a mutual objectives scheme.

- encourage the development and promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship.

- maximise opportunities for developing transversal skills and improving the employability of students/graduates through a student placement framework.

- establish mutually beneficial links and synergies with sectors of the economy.

The OUC Liaison Office aims to attain better better and stronger communication & cooperation between Businesses and the Open University of Cyprus in fields such as:

- technology transfer.

- promotion of applied research responding to specific industrial problems.

- collaboration in research programmes, placement of students in the Industry.

- tackling shortage of skilled professionals in a wide range of business sectors and ensuring a better match between the supply of skills and labour market demands are important elements that shape OUC's academic offering and vocational training provisions, aiming to support Cyprus' future growth and productivity and social cohesion.

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Industry Liaison Offices

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Open University of Cyprus has taken a holistic approach to internationalisation through a range of measures, including: **a)** forging strategic international alliances with Universities, research centres and public and private institutions, **b)** participating in European and international educational and research programmes and offering joint degrees, **c)** promoting transnational delivery of degrees via open and distance learning and teaching, fostering an international dimension of curricula, and **d)** supporting mobility of its students and staff.

OUC's international partners:

- Al Quds Open University (Palestinian Authority)
- Donau Universität Krems (Austria)
- Hellenic Open University (Greece)
- Kazan Federal University (Russia)
- Kuban State University (Russia)
- Mariupol State University (Ukraine)
- Moscow State University of Economics, Statistics and Informatics (Russia)
- Open University of Mauritius (Mauritius)
- Transilvania University of Braşov (Romania)
- Universidade Aberta (Portugal)
- Universidad a Distancia de Madrid (Spain)
- University of Haifa (Israel)
- University of Peloponnese (Greece)
- Democritus University of Thrace (Greece)
- University of the Aegean (Greece)
- Open University of Israel (Israel)

OUC also actively participates in European University networks and international organisations. Such international links are vital to Open University of Cyprus in providing its staff international contacts and opportunities for networking, as well as offering its students mobility options and further educational and career opportunities. By participating in these networks, OUC also promotes policy positions relating to lifelong learning and the development of distance education and eLearning.

International Relations & Mobility

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OUC is a member of the following high profile European and international networks:

EUA
European University Association

EADTU
European Association of Distance Teaching Universities

EAEC
European Association of Erasmus Coordinators

EDEN
European Distance and e-Learning Network

EOC
European Office of Cyprus

EURASHE
European Association of Institutions in Higher Education

EU^{2}S^2
European Union Universities of Small States Association

HUMANE
Heads of University Management and Administration Network in Europe

IAESTE
International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience

ICDE
International Council for Open and Distance Education

RETI
Réseaux d'Excellence des Territoires Insulaires
(«Excellence Network of Island Territories»)

EJTA
European Journalism Training Association

BSEMAN
Black Sea & Mediterranean Academic Network

Mobility opportunities

Open University of Cyprus is committed to enhance the mobility of its students and staff and to build and maintain successful collaborations, both nationally and internationally. OUC participates in the Erasmus+ Programme since the academic year 2010-2011, aiming to provide mobility opportunities to the OUC community.

With the award of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education for its participation in Erasmus+ for the 2014-2020 period, Open University of Cyprus is aiming to further expand and strengthen cooperation with foreign Universities, research centres and organisations that participate in the Programme. OUC currently has 80+ inter-institutional agreements and participates in the following **Erasmus+ mobility actions**:

- **Students mobility for Studies**
- **Students mobility for Placements**
- **Academic Staff mobility for Teaching**
- **Staff mobility for Training**
- **International Mobility**

Erasmus+ is an essential tool for OUC's internationalisation strategy as it a) provides mobility opportunities for students to undertake study periods and/or traineeships abroad and gain new experiences, knowledge and skills, b) supports academic and administrative staff exchanges to develop professional network, enhance their research collaborations and further improve their teaching techniques, c) encourages administrative staff members to enrich their knowledge, boost their skills, acquire and share good practices, and d) aims to attract incoming foreign students and staff to study, teach or to be trained at OUC.

For more information on OUC mobility programmes:
http://www.ouc.ac.cy/web/guest/university/diethneis/erasmusplus

erasmus@ouc.ac.cy

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Open University of Cyprus operates in accordance with the following key principles: **openness, excellence, cooperation, sustainability and quality.** OUC maintains open lines of communication with social partners and stakeholders, as well as current and prospective students and alumni. To strengthen its capacity to offer high quality programmes that meet the needs of both the labour market and society, and which provide students the necessary skills and competences to enhance their employability, OUC will continue to work closely with the State, public and non-public institutions, chambers of commerce, federations and the general public.

OUC's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) actions reflect the University's commitment to operate in an ethical, socially responsible and environmentally sustainable manner, maximising public benefit. Towards this direction, and in order to improve engagement with local communities OUC's CSR actions focus on two areas: People & Community and Environmental Sustainability.

People and Community:

- Organising open lectures, conferences, seminars and workshops on scientific and non - scientific topics, with the participation of renowned speakers, to encourage public debate.

- Fostering new partnerships and engaging with international networks, which provide mobility opportunities to OUC students and staff.

- Assisting students coming from vulnerable groups and reducing social exclusion by providing University education and training opportunities to people whose access to knowledge is hindered by inherent or acquired disabilities.

- Offering discounts on tuition fees for all students during the economic recession, as well as scholarships to students that meet certain socioeconomic criteria.

- Organising community benefit activities, such as voluntary blood donations.

- Maintaining high standards of health and safety for OUC staff, students, and visitors.

Environmental Sustainability:

- Reducing paper use by implementing electronic procedures, minimising paperwork, and promoting electronic data storage.

- Raising the academic community's awareness of environmental sustainability.

- Implementing "waste management policy" to prevent and reduce general waste and recyclable materials and promote recycling (paper, plastic, batteries).

- Implementing "energy efficiency policy" in all OUC buildings.

Corporate Social Responsibility

Future goals

Open University of Cyprus is a leading institution in the Cypriot higher education system in terms of diversity, equity and access to education. OUC is committed to academic rigour and excellence, offering undergraduate and postgraduate programmes of high academic standard, and promoting the upgrading of knowledge, skills and lifelong learning in response to the changing business, social and technology landscape. OUC is student-centered; placing students at the heart of education, building on their previous experience and skills and supporting them to meet professional and personal aspirations. Open University of Cyprus is looking towards a bright future ahead based on high standards for open and distance education.

OUC's short-term strategic goals:

- Offer new programmes of study in modern and contemporary scientific fields, at both bachelor's and master's level, in Greek and in English.

- Enhance further the PhD programmes offered to suitable candidates.

- Further expand its international presence, attract and retain more international students.

- Build on its coordinating role in distance education in Cyprus and offer joint/double programmes with other public and private national Universities.

- Establish itself as a growing research University with active implementation of basic and applied research, securing national, European and international funding.

- Expand its outreach activities and offer short-term training programmes aiming to address skills shortages and increase employability.

The governance of the Open University of Cyprus includes the Council, the Senate, the Rector and the Vice-Rector, the Faculties' Internal Boards and the Deans.

The Council exercises the powers and performs all the duties provided by the Law for the Establishment and Operation of OUC and is essentially responsible for the management and administration of the revenues and property of OUC and, subject to the powers of the Senate, has general control over the conduct of the University's affairs. The Senate is the supreme academic authority of the University and has the overall responsibility for the teaching and research work conducted at OUC, as well as for the regulation of educational issues and student discipline and conduct. The Director of Administration and Finance is appointed by the Council and is the Head of the Administrative Services of the Open University of Cyprus.

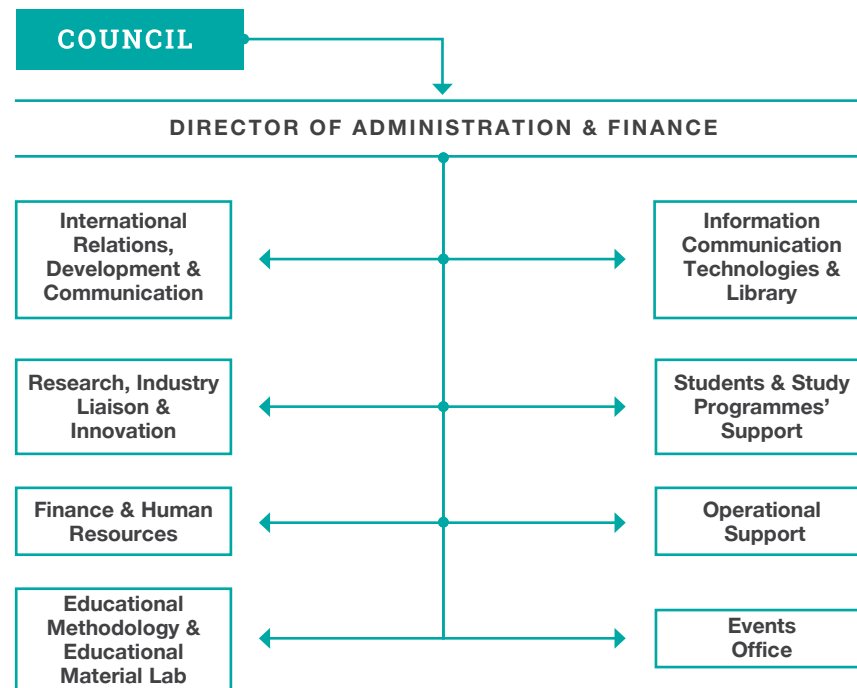| University Council	University Senate
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Director of Administration and Finance: Mr. Christodoulides Christopher

The University's Governance

OUC Administrative Services

University Administrative Services aim to deliver excellent services and continuous support to faculty, staff and students, striving to fulfill the University's mission. OUC aims to create an environment that attracts and retains highly qualified administrative personnel that assumes responsibility, delivers exceptional customer care and takes initiatives based on professional ethics.

OUC's Administrative Services are organised and comprised of the following functions:

COUNCIL

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

International Relations, Development & Communication

Information Communication Technologies & Library

Research, Industry Liaison & Innovation

Students & Study Programmes' Support

Finance & Human Resources

Operational Support

Educational Methodology & Educational Material Lab

Events Office

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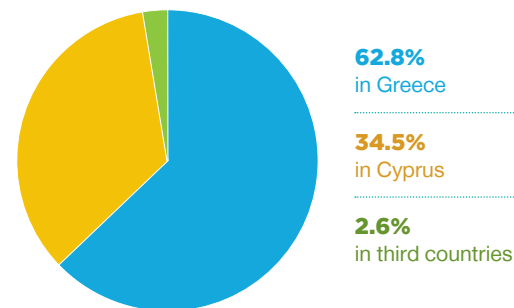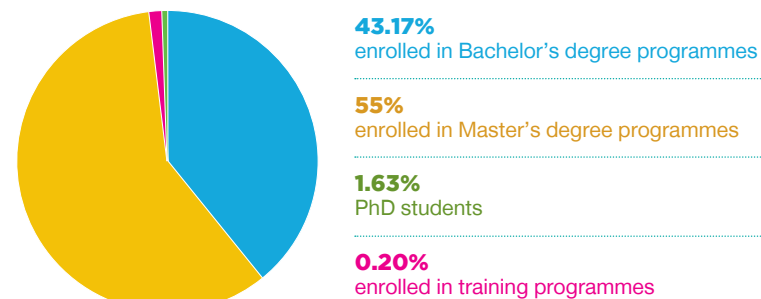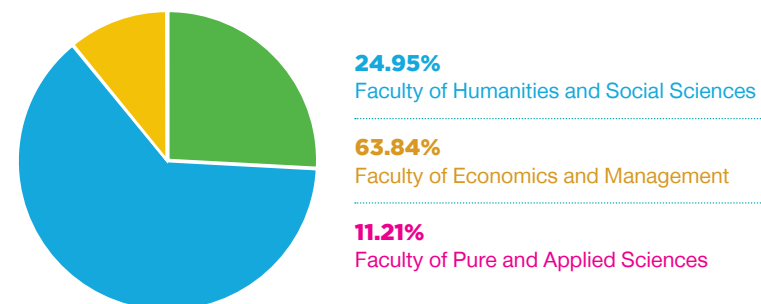|	
3	Faculties
25	Faculty Members
350	Adjunct tutors (all PhD holders)
84	Administrative personnel
25	Undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) programmes, 12 PhD research thematic areas
4100	Students enrolled in UG, PG and training programmes for the 2018-2019 academic year
5800 +	Graduates (incl. the 2017-2018 academic year graduates)
€11.8	mln 2018 total budget, including a government grant of €5.73 mln
5	Research labs
18	Externally funded research projects
5	Internally funded research projects
70	Successfully completed research projects (2006-2018)
>80	Local and international partners
13	Memberships in European and international organisations and networks

31 OUC student profile (2018-2019 academic year)

OUR STUDENTS' LOCATION

62.8%
in Greece

34.5%
in Cyprus

2.6%
in third countries

2018-2019 STUDENT ENROLMENT BY QUALIFICATION

43.17%
enrolled in Bachelor's degree programmes

55%
enrolled in Master's degree programmes

1.63%
PhD students

0.20%
enrolled in training programmes

2018-2019 STUDENT ENROLMENT BY FACULTY

24.95%
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

63.84%
Faculty of Economics and Management

11.21%
Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences

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